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Subject: Response to letter from BLM to Interstate Brick Dated May 27, 2005.
BLM references: 3809, U-69204, U-69216, (U-023)
Smokey Joe and Jim Gay clay mines

Dear Mr. Murphy:

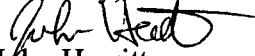
In response to your letter to Interstate Brick dated May 27, 2005, Interstate Brick has not abandoned efforts to continue to mining at the two sites referred to in your letter. We would like to continue mining from both locations while at same time doing co-current reclamation. These sites still represent important clay reserves for Interstate Brick. It is our intention to continue mining and reclaiming in a way found mutually beneficial to both Interstate Brick and the BLM.

Concerning the Jim Gay mine at T. 7 S., R. 1 W., Section 9, a revised mine plan, form MR-REV, was requested, and approved by the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining in early 2004. This mine plan includes the BLM owned portion of the mine. Interstate Brick would like to purchase material while at the same time performing reclamation on previously mined parts of this mine. The best time for Interstate Brick to do this work would be this winter because this mine is often accessible during the winter.

Concerning the Smokey Joe mine at T. 7 S., R 1 W., Section 9, we would like to continue mining while doing co-current reclamation and would like to set a deadline for when a Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining form MR-REV could be submitted.

Interstate Brick also looks forward to resolving this matter as soon as possible and appreciates the BLM's cooperation.

Sincerely,


John Hewitt

cc: Daron Haddock, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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